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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

### 1. GALVAO DE MELO PRESS CONFERENCE:

ON MARCH 19, GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE ANNOUNCED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE (PRESUMABLY ON CDS TICKET) IN THE APRIL ELECTIONS FROM VISEU. MELO SAID HE HAD WANTED BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO RUN ON THE SOCIALIST TICKET. THE GENERAL ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS NEW BOOK, "BOUND FOR DIGNITY" (RUMO A DIGNIDADE). PUBLISHER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MELO'S PREVIOUS BOOK "AFM-REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT" (MFA-MOVIMENTO REVOLUCIONARIO) WAS BIGGEST SELLER IN RECENT PORTUGUESE HISTORY -- EVEN OUT-STRIPPING SPINOLA'S "PORTUGAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FUTURE."

2. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS PLEAD 'NOT GUILTY':

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDC), WHO ALONG WITH MRPP AND AOC HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM ELECTIONS, ISSUED COMMUNIQUE MARCH 19 PLEADING 'NOT GUILTY' TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL CHARGES AGAINST THEM. ALTHOUGH "ACCEPTING" SUSPENSION, PDC SAID IT IS UNAWARE OF ANY PUBLIC DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY ITS MEMBERS. NOR DOES PDC "DIS-RESPECT" PROGRAM OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. PDC STANDS FOR NON-VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTS THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. FACT IS, STATED THE COMMUNIQUE, THE PDC ITSELF SUFFERED ATTACKS BY FAR LEFTISTS, NONE OF WHOM PUNISHED BY AUTHORITIES. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED (UNLIKELY) HOPE THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WOULD REVERSE DECISION.

3. SA CARNEIRO DOWN (AND OUT?):

PPD SECRETARY GENERAL SA CARNEIRO, RECUPERATING FROM AN OPERATION UNDERGONE A FEW WEEKS AGO, HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES SINCE FEBRUARY. ACCORDING TO OUR CONSUL IN OPORTO, SA CARNEIRO'S PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION HAS DETERIORATED. THERE IS NOW A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT HIS ROLE IN CAMPAIGN WILL BE MARGINAL. HE REPORTEDLY EXERCISES ONLY MINIMAL INFLUENCE ON THE PARTY AND LACKS THE STRENGTH AND WILL TO EXERT HIMSELF. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MAGALHAES MOTA IS AT THE HELM, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MINISTERIAL COMMITMENTS IS NOT ABLE TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE PARTY. CONSEQUENTLY, WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION IS THAT PPD DRIFTING ALONG WITHOUT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP.  
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